

**Senate File 317 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 317  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 7)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the disbursement of a certain plant,  
2 including its seeds, commonly classified as garlic mustard,  
3 oriental bittersweet, Japanese knotweed, and Japanese hop  
4 within this state, and making penalties applicable.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 317.25, Code 2013, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **317.25 Teasel, Invasive plants prohibited — teasel,**  
4 **multiflora rose, and purple loosestrife prohibited — exceptions,**  
5 **and oriental bittersweet exception — penalty.**

6 1. A person shall not import, sell, offer for sale, or  
7 distribute teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial, the multiflora rose  
8 (*Rosa multiflora*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*),  
9 purple loosestrife (*Lythrum virgatum*), ~~or~~ garlic mustard  
10 (*Alliaria petiolata*), oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus*  
11 *orbiculatus*), Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), or  
12 Japanese hop (*Humulus japonicus*), including the seeds of ~~them~~  
13 those plants, in any form in this state. However, this ~~section~~  
14 subsection does not prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or  
15 distribution of the multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) used for  
16 understock for either cultivated roses or ornamental shrubs in  
17 gardens.

18 2. Any person violating ~~the provisions of this section~~  
19 subsection 1 is subject to a fine ~~of not exceeding~~ to exceed  
20 one hundred dollars.

#### 21 EXPLANATION

22 Current Code section 317.25 originated in 1973 when the  
23 56th General Assembly prohibited the sale, offer for sale,  
24 or distribution of teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial or its seeds  
25 (1973 Iowa Acts, ch. 206). Since then, the general assembly  
26 has prohibited the importation of teasel, as well as the  
27 importation, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of other  
28 plants or their seeds classified as invasive, including the  
29 multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), and purple loosestrife  
30 (*Lythrum salicaria* or *Lythrum virgatum*). This bill adds garlic  
31 mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus*  
32 *orbiculatus*), Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), and  
33 Japanese hop (*Humulus japonicus*) and its seeds to that list.

34 A person who imports, sells, offers for sale, or distributes  
35 these plants is subject to the Code section's existing fine of

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1 not more than \$100.